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DEFENDANTS DISCHARGED

Judge Stanley Releases Titcomb and a Jury Acquits Aldrich.

Stay Ordered in Resale of Columbia—Verdict in Action to Quiet Land Title—Chinese Shoe Dealer Bankrupt.

Judge Stanley yesterday afternoon discharged Jules Titcomb, after a preliminary investigation lasting several days into the charge of murder in the second degree. The Court held that there was not probable cause to believe that the prisoner would be convicted of the crime by a jury. The evidence of a Japanese doctor, who had made a post mortem examination upon the body of the woman Kabele, contradicted that of other witnesses who had testified to marks of violence having been seen upon the body. Judge Stanley sat as committing magistrate on the case. The result is simply that "no case" was made out by the prosecution.

Judge Perry yesterday afternoon heard and allowed the appeal of Harry L. Evans against his decision ordering a resale of the steamer City of Columbia. He issued an order staying the resale until Saturday the 11th inst.

An appeal from the District Court has been sent up by defendant in the case of Frank A. Farria vs. J. M. Lemons, action for \$300 damages for loss of trunk and contents. The District Magistrate gave judgment for plaintiff for \$220 damages, and \$4.35 costs.

Oreighton and Henshall, for defendant in error, have filed a motion to dismiss the writ of error in Hawaiian Star Newspaper Association vs. Henry B. Saylor.

They give as reasons irregularities of procedure and frivolous nature of the suit in error.

Summons has been served in an action to quiet title brought by L. Ablo against Wm. Henry and several Chinese doing business under the firm name of See Wo Co.

Before Judge Perry the action for summary possession of land brought by Margaret V. Carter against the Wing Chong Wai Co. resulted in a verdict this morning, the third day of trial, for the plaintiff. Three jurors dissented, and an appeal was noted on the usual formal grounds and because the verdict was not unanimous. Mr. Sarrat & Weber for plaintiff; Kinney, Ballou & McClanahan and C. Brown for defendant. The jury was a mixed one as follows: S. H. Orr, Alex. Ithia, Jas. McInerney, D. T. Bailey, G. R. K. omaka, W. M. K. kipi, Geo. Kluegel, J. S. Martin, G. H. Kaurati, D. Kamaka, D. F. Thum and Jas. L. McLean.

Judge Stanley has adjudged Tam Chung Kee a voluntary bankrupt. Petitioner declared he owed \$2892, incurred in conducting his shoe business in Nuuanu street. Geo. D. Gear represented the petitioner.

The February term of the First Circuit Court will close on Saturday.

STEVENSON'S HOME BOUGHT

Among the passengers for this port in the Alameda was Mr. Kunst, who has been making a short visit in Apia, Samoa.

Mr. Kunst said to a BULLETIN representative aboard the ship: "I have bought Robert Louis Stevenson's beautiful home in Samoa and I am going there to live for good. I like Samoa immensely."

"The story that the natives pillaged the Stevenson home is wholly untrue. Not a thing has been touched."

WHILE GUARD WAS ASLEEP

Papers Torn Down on Board S. S. City of Columbia.

Additional Guard Put on—Stole Boat from the Landing—May Have Had Grudge Against Guard.

Officer Jim Kupihe, the lone watch man aboard the mail steamer City of Columbia, had a bad dream between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning and awakened to find that someone had been aboard while he slept. An investigation showed that the assignment of errors in the case of Harry L. Evans, plaintiff in error vs. W. J. Smith et al., the S. S. City of Columbia, etc., had been torn from the mast and lay crumpled up on the deck. Jim reported the matter to the marshal the first thing this morning.

This bit of work points unmistakably to a kamaisina as regards the Columbia, and a man with an intimate acquaintance with the habits of Officer Kupihe aboard the ship.

There may have been in the miscreant's mind a notion that, by tearing down the assignment, the case of Captain Evans would be forever lost and the City of Columbia re-sold at public auction.

However, there is one other ground, that of embezzlement toward Kupihe and a determination to "get even" by showing that he was asleep on duty. But this miscreant went as wide of the mark here as he would have done, had his been the other ground, for Kupihe had permission to sleep after the midnight hour had passed, he being the only officer aboard.

The boat used, was stolen from the boat landing while the boys were asleep. Even had these fellows been awake they could not have seen the boat taken, for it was moored in the shadows around the corner of the warehouse opposite the landing. Whoever did the work, did it swiftly and then went ashore at the Pacific Mail wharf, for the boat was found tied there this morning.

Kupihe says it is fortunate for the man who boarded the ship that he did not catch him, else, in order to hold a coroner's inquest, it would have been necessary to collect the various parts of his body.

Another watchman to keep guard from 12 to 6 in the morning, will be put on tonight.

Artists at the Orpheum.

A splendid aggregation of vaudeville artists will appear at the Orpheum tonight. The principal features of the evening will be work by Henry Vierra, Eddie Armond, May Ashley, Frank Pollard, Frank Hartwell, Ivanhoe Allen, Hawaiian quartet, Foye Jackson, J. W. Coelho and other local talent. This is one of the finest combinations of local and outside talent ever given on the local stage.

The sailing time of the Hongkong Maru is set for 10 o'clock tonight.

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CONDITIONS IN PORTO RICO

Interview with Dr. Carroll, the President's Commissioner.

Agriculture in a Bad Way—Foreclosures are a Feature—General Henry's Policy Doing Good.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Feb. 21.—Dr. Carroll, the commissioner appointed by the President to make a report of the conditions in Porto Rico, has just completed a tour of the island.

After his return to San Juan, he said to a correspondent: "I have found but little agricultural industry. Agriculture is not prosperous owing to the results of the late war and the low prices now paid for coffee and sugar, the chief products of the island."

"I found one Spanish merchant who was winding up his affairs previous to departing for Spain who has sixty executions out against the properties of planters."

"Under the law in force here these properties may be sold out by summary proceedings within thirty days. As the owners of the lands are all in straitened circumstances these splendid haciendas will go to the creditors for a small proportion of their real value. Bad roads also reduce the profits to the planters and raise the price of necessities of life in the interior."

"It is idle to talk of prosperity, good soils and good government until the means of transportation are provided. With this advantage Porto Rico has a brilliant prospect."

"At the present time the municipal governments are hampered by the old Spanish system. Autonomy such as Gen. Henry is contemplating, is greatly needed and when secured will give an incentive to development. The administration of justice is difficult, owing to favoritism and politics."

"The planters have no associations for the improvement or study of crop conditions and are ignorant of the best methods of production."

"Under the wise policy of General Henry the conditions of the island are improving. Relief has been given by his recent order delaying the foreclosure of mortgages for the period of a year. Without this just order, the planters would have soon become ruined. The new tariff is cordially received by the merchants and the business element, and I am sure that it will give relief where relief is needed."

POOLERS STRIKE

Ask for an Advance of Fifty Cents for Dock Labor.

A gang of natives employed to attend to the wharf part of the work of discharging the schooner Aloha at Brewer's wharf, struck this morning for an advance of fifty cents in their daily wages, asking each man's pay \$2.50, the amount paid to "poolers" when working aboard ship.

The regular wages have been \$2 a day for many years, and this strike indicates more than would seem to appear on the surface. To some who have duties along the water front it looks as if the long expected combination of native cargo workers along the wharves was about at hand.

Heretofore, natives have been contented with \$2 per day, and have never bothered about more. The matter of organization for the purpose of dictating their own pay, has often been suggested to them, but they have never cared to form any kind of a labor union.

Of late the natives have become restless and have been talking "hui" to their friends. The striking gang this morning did not gain much, for they were immediately discharged and another gang employed at \$2.

S. S. GARONNE FROM HILO

Has Minneapolis Times Excursion and Others Aboard.

Reports of Fine Weather All Way From Seattle—Passengers and Their Business—Purser Hayden at Tacoma.

The S. S. Garonne, Conradi commander, from Seattle via Hilo, arrived in port this forenoon and anchored near the lighthouse. She will remain there until after the departure of the Hongkong Maru, when she will haul alongside the Pacific Mail wharf to discharge. The Garonne sailed from Seattle, February 15, arrived in Hilo on the night of the 26th and sailed for Honolulu at 4 p. m. on the 28th, arriving as above. The very finest kind of weather was experienced throughout the trip.

The Garonne has aboard the second Minneapolis "Times" excursion to the islands, with C. J. Blanchard as manager. The passengers aboard the Garonne are as follows: E. J. Webster, capitalist of Spokane, Wash; G. F. Kuhles, wealthy manufacturer of St. Paul, Minn; Wm. Fink, brewer of Olympia, Wash; H. D. Albert, real estate man of Langdon, N. D.; J. D. Elmsendorf of Spokane, Wash; Wm. J. Mooney, banker of Langdon, N. D.; J. Green, ship owner of Seattle, Wash; Master A. Perkins; W. L. Perkins, wholesale liquor dealer of St. Paul, Minn, who was in the islands in 1853; M. L. Sullivan, meat and stock man of Langdon, N. D.; P. H. Ammidown of the Seattle Electric Light Co; Mrs. G. B. O'good, Miss H. E. Ramsey, Mrs. W. A. McDonald and Mrs. W. F. Giddings of Seattle, Wash; Col. L. Edwin Dudley, an old G. A. R. man and present U. S. Consul General at Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Miller, wife of Superintendent Miller of the Seattle and International R. R.; Dr. W. O. Jenkins, prominent physician of Portsmouth, N. H.; F. N. McCandless, whose business is mining and who left the islands not long ago, after remaining here about two years; Arthur Bosworth, who comes to join his parents, who are now in Honolulu. All but four of the passengers from Seattle, are members of the Minneapolis Times excursion.

S. Fillmer, Superintendent of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co stopped over at Hilo where he is looking into a matter in his line for C. S. Deaky. C. B. Kendall is an employee of the same company and is in Hilo with Mr. Fillmer. J. K. Kendall is another who remained over in Hilo. While there, he will look at various pieces of land and may make some purchases. Assistant Purser Otis Sprague is now purser of the Garonne, Mr. Hayden, the former purser, finding it imperative to remain over in Tacoma on account of the very serious illness of his mother. When the Garonne left Seattle, Mrs. Hayden was on the point of death.

The thanks of the BULLETIN are due Purser Sprague and C. J. Blanchard, manager of the excursion, for news favors.

Test Show.

The Test show will continue its first class vaudeville till Saturday night when stakes will be pulled up and Waialua given a vaudeville season. The program this week is an excellent one, the free tight rope exhibition being one of the many features that attract and please the people.

NEW MAUNALEI PLANTATION

Although the subscription lists for the new Maunalei plantation have not been opened, Gear, Lansing & Co. have received applications from local investors for a very large block of shares.

DR. RAFFEL ON BOARD

President of Samoa's Municipal Council in Alameda.

Says Things are Quiet in Apia—Consuls Talking a Little—Trouble if Tanu is Made King.

Dr. Raffel, president of the Municipal Council at Samoa, is a through passenger in the Alameda for San Francisco. Dr. Raffel is intimately connected with the recent troubles in Samoa between the two native kings and is interesting on that account. In response to a question regarding Samoa, Dr. Raffel spoke as follows to a BULLETIN representative:

"I am returning to my home in Germany on account of illness and shall remain there until I have fully recovered. My successor, Dr. Solbach, will pass through here on his way to Samoa in about a fortnight."

"Things are at a standstill politically in Samoa, although, of course, there is a war of words between the Consuls of the three powers. Mataafa is still in power and the Malietoa Tanu m. u. have made no further move. In fact, they cannot for they have been sent to other islands."

"As long as they leave Mataafa in power, there will be no trouble but, as sure as they attempt to put Malietoa Tanu on the throne, there will be trouble and this trouble will take the form of bloodshed. Mataafa has about 7,000 warriors to Malietoa's 1,000."

When the Philadelpia was mentioned, Dr. Raffel scowled and appeared thoughtful. Then he said simply: "She had not arrived in Apia when we left."

EQUALS EWA'S BEST LAND.

A mistake was made yesterday in W. J. Lowrie's letter regarding the new Maunalei plantation. Mr. Lowrie was made to say that the lands compared favorably with "Waimanalo and Ewa plantation." This should read, "They (the lands on the flat) I am sure, compare most favorably with the flats at Kuaanakaiki, Molekai, and Waimanalo, Ewa plantations." The Waimanalo lands of the Ewa plantations are the banner fields producing from 10 to 12 tons to the acre.

The Judd Building.

The power attachment of the Judd building elevator is in working order, and a BULLETIN reporter rode to the fourth story on the platform, in company of Fred. Harrison, contractor for the structure, this forenoon. It was noticed that the finishing touches were being given to office rooms on all the floors, and in some of them safes had already been placed. The big iron vault for the Bank of Hawaii was put in last week.

There are three stowaways aboard the Hongkong Maru.

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